

【Petition】 NOT to teach 'Comfort Women' in California Schools

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the recently proposed revision in the 10th grader's history curriculum to include the controversial dispute known as 'Comfort Women' (Grade 10 – World History, Culture, and Geography: The Modern World, Page 469, lines 913~919).

1. "Comfort Women" should not be taught as an example of 'institutionalized sexual slavery' or 'one of the largest cases of human trafficking in the twentieth century.' Besides some testimonies without cross-examinations, there is no reliable historical proof which indicates 'hundreds of thousands of women forced into' such situations. It is obvious that textbooks should only take up incidents which are thoroughly discussed to avoid even a small possibility of making students to believe what is not true.
2. The residents of California already have had enough of arguments concerning the Comfort Women Issue. There are already too many controversial statues and monuments of Korean Comfort Women in our community. On the process of installing such statues, our community has been divided and disputes have aroused among neighbors. Because of the Comfort Women issue, we were driven into never-ending conflicts.

Do we really need this controversial history education of Comfort Women? No!

Do we really want to use our tax money for this? No!

Should students in California get involved into such endless disputes? No!

We are expecting to see the fairness and transparency of the California Department of Education. Thank you.

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